

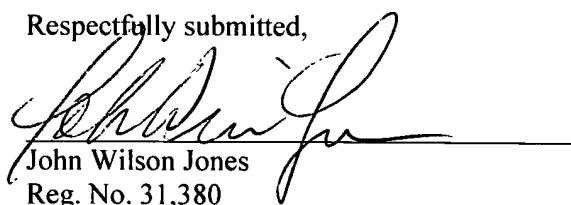
REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been amended in accordance with U.S. practice. Claim 10 has been added to the application. Accordingly, claims 1-10 are active in this application.

The Abstract has been added per the U.S. practice. Accordingly, please add the Abstract to the specification as filed.

In light of the amendments to the claims, and the addition of the Abstract, the application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



John Wilson Jones
Reg. No. 31,380

Date: June 30, 2006

JONES & SMITH, LLP
2777 ALLEN PARKWAY, SUITE 800
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77019-2129
(713) 528-3100
(713) 893-6076 FAX